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crematorium, after I've croaked, naturally, and some people think I'm taking too long. But despite the fact that I'm not sentimental about dead people and ceremonies, I know that in this society other people are. There are huge industries built on death--those who make stones, those who make coffins, those who sell services--and many times the bereaved people are taken advantage of. It's a time in people's lives when they think of all those things they did not say that they should have said; that they may have said which they wish now they had not said. But nothing which was said caused the person to be where they are; nothing left unsaid caused the person to be where he or she is. But because I understand how people in this society feel I'm convinced that when these ceremonies are engaged in they ought to be of a personal nature. What is done after somebody has croaked is being done for those who remain, because the one who is in the box in the ground or whose remains are in the crematorium will not know anything. By the way, a European pointed out to Americans that they didn't know how to describe things. These Americans we're talking about where George Washington, where what was left, was located, and this American said George Washington's ashes were buried wherever they were, and this English person said, was George Washington cremated? This person said, no. So the Englishman pointed out, then his remains are buried, his ashes are not; ashes result from cremation. So there are a lot of things that are connected with all of this that make no sense. What we are doing, I said all that to say this, with a bill like this makes even less sense than the superstition and other nonsensical things hooked up with the dead. I don't even know why they have fences around cemeteries. Those who are inside are not going to get out, and those who are on the outside don't want to get in, so why do you need a fence? All such things as that. But to get to this bill and my kill motion, I don't think it ought to be an easy thing to persuade the Legislature to create circumstances where local political subdivisions can spend public money on things that are of a personal nature. That should not be done. A magnification of this notion will come before us when we're talking about the state paying or contributing directly to salary increases for teachers who are to be controlled at the local level. There are state responsibilities that we have as state senators. What is encompassed in this bill is not one of them. Mr. President, I